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RIFLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the insas rifles jam in combat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the magazines of the insas rifles sturdy enough to take the stress of combat; and

(d) if not, the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There is no report of INSAS rifle getting jammed in combat.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The magazine of INSAS rifle is sturdy enough to withstand the rigours of combat.However, since the magazine is made of plastic material to reduce weight, it has been assigned shelf life of six years.

(d) Does not arise.